

II. REMARKS

A. Current Status

Claims 8-18 are currently pending in the application.

In the present Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, it was noted that claim 15 did not have the proper status identifier. Correction has been made. Claim 15 now complies with 37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(2).

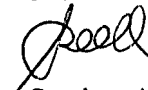
III. CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that the claims are now in condition for allowance, which is earnestly solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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